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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA DISMAYED BY PINOCHET SPEECH ON
BORDER NEGOTIATION

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1. ARGENTINE OBSERVERS HAVE REACTED WITH
STUNNED SURPRISE TO THE UNEXPECTED SCHEDULE
CHANGES AND HARSH SPEECH OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET
AT THE PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING CEREMONY IN
PUERTO MONTT MONDAY (FEB 20). ACCORDING TO
PRESS REPORTS WHICH WERE LATER CONFIRMED BY
A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, THE ARGENTINE
DELEGATION WAS SURPRISED TO HAVE THE SIGNING
ITSELF PUT FORWARD TO IMMEDIATELY AFTER
PRESIDENT VIDELA'S ARRIVAL IN PUERTO MONTT.
THEIR SURPRISE THEN TURNED TO STUNNED DISMAY
AT HEARING PINOCHET'S UNSCHEDULED BUT OBVIOUSLY
PREPARED REMARKS REAFFIRMING HIS COUNTRY'S
ADHERENCE TO THE ARBITRATION AWARD AND READINESS TO
SUBMIT THE SEA BOUNDARIES DISPUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL
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COURT SHOULD THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FAIL--POSITIONS
WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY ARGENTINA.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS COMMENTARY, PINOCHET'S
SPEECH DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED THE AGREEMENT HE HAD JUST
SIGNED AND RAN CONTRARY TO THE CONCILIATORY SPIRIT OF
THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT IN MENDOZA IN

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MID-JANUARY. THE PRESS SPECULATED THAT THE PINOCHET SPEECH WAS DIRECTED AT SATISFYING INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURES WITHIN CHILE OR THAT IT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY HARD-LINE CHILEAN NEGOTIATOR AMBASSADOR JULIO PHILIPPI IN ORDER TO GET THE ADVANTAGE BY ESTABLISHING CHILE'S STERNEST OPENING NEGOTIATING POSITION AT THE OUTSET. REVEALING OPEN DISTRESS AT THE APPARENT LACK OF FLEXIBILITY AND GOOD WILL ON THE PART OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, THE PRESS SPECULATED THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE LONG AND ARDUOUS, BUT COUNSELLED A COOL AND MATURE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE ARGENTINE NEGOTIATORS TOWARDS A SATISFACTORY BILATERAL SOLUTION.

3. THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD NOTED FEBRUARY 22 THAT THE BEAGLE DISPUTE IS ACQUIRING A PECULIAR RHYTHM OF ITS OWN--HIGH-SOUNDING EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL AND COMPROMISE ALTERNATING WITH A CHILEAN FACT OR STATEMENT (THE NAMING OF CHILEAN ADMINISTRATORS FOR DISPUTED ISLANDS, THE PINOCHET SPEECH) WHICH SUDDENLY PUSHES EVERYTHING BACK TO THE BEGINNING AGAIN. IF PINOCHET'S "RASPING TONES REPRESENT THE GENUINE VOICE OF CHILE ON THIS QUESTION," WARNED THE HERALD, "THEN ALL HE IS DOING IS SPINNING OUT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO DEFUSE A DANGEROUS SITUATION TODAY IN THE BELIEF THAT AS MONTHS--AND WHO KNOWS, YEARS--GO BY, CHILEAN POSSESSION OF THE TERRITORIES IT CLAIMS WILL SOMEHOW BECOME A HARD, IMMOVABLE FACT."
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4. FOREIGN MINISTRY BEAGLE ARBITRATION EXPERT FEDERICO MIRRE CONFIRMED THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION'S DISTRESS WITH THE PINOCHET SPEECH AND PREDICTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE A LOT WORK AHEAD JUST TO CREATE THE "NECESSARY CONDITIONS OF HARMONY AND EQUITY" AMONG THEIR OWN LOCAL POPULACE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE FIRST 45-DAY PHASE OF THE AGREEMENT. WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, MIRRE INTIMATED THAT ARGENTINA HAD ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH HARD-LINE NATIONALISTIC ELEMENTS WHO COULD PUSH THE DISPUTE OVER TO A CONFRONTATIONAL OR AT LEAST LONG-TERM UNPLEASANT SITUATION BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS. MIRRE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS STAGE ARE ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND THAT THE ROLE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE IS AS JURIDICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL ADVISER TO THE MILITARY JUNTA.
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